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**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Sonam Wangdu  
Lhundrup Gaden**

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Amnesty International has learned from unofficial sources in Lhasa, capital of the Tibet Autonomous Region, that Sonam Wangdu and Lhundrup Gaden were released from prison in early February 1993. The terms of their release are not known and it is believed that they still face unspecified restrictions.

Recent photographs taken in Drapchi Prison, Lhasa, where the men were imprisoned, indicated that they had suffered severe paralysis as a result of torture and sustained ill-treatment. According to an accompanying report the lower part of Sonam Wangdu's body was described as "senseless", while Lhundrup Gaden was said to be "fighting for his life".

Lhundrup Gaden (whose lay name is Tashi Gyatso), a 22-year-old monk and prisoner of conscience, had been detained in March 1988 for demonstrating and was sentenced to three years. His sentence was increased by an additional nine years for allegedly shouting slogans in prison and providing money to an inmate preparing an escape. Sonam Wangdu, a 38-year-old Tibetan trader, was serving a life sentence for the alleged murder of a policeman during a demonstration in March 1988.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telexes and airmail letters in English or your own language:**

- welcoming the news that Sonam Wangdu and Lhundrup Gaden have been released;
- urging that as a prisoner of conscience any conditions attached to Lhundrup Gaden's release be lifted immediately;
- requesting that a full enquiry into reports of Sonam Wangdu and Lhundrup Gaden's ill-treatment in prison be opened immediately by an independent, impartial and competent body and that its results be made public.

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